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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for one months, thereby extending the period of response to the outstanding Office Action from December 24, 2002 to January 24, 2003. A Response is filed herewith.

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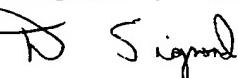
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